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Applicant: Norberto FESTÖ) Re: Preliminary Amendment
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herewith) Our Ref.: B-3992PCT 618156-1
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16 February 2000)
For: "PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSI-)
TIONS CONTAINING COMPOUNDS)
WITH ACTIVITY FOR THE)
ENHANCEMENT OF ABSORPTION OF)
ACTIVE INGREDIENTS")

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Attn: United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, Lines 1-2. Please delete "characterized by the fact that